

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



### NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

#### CHRISTMAS WREATH COMPETITION

Judging for this year's competition took place just before Christmas. It was a very difficult choice, but the judges, Vern Pearce and Trevor Oaten, decided on Catherine Davis of Spring Bank theme "Citrus Woodland" It is a brilliant design incorporating lots of greenery that can be found round the village at this time of year. The photo shows Catherine being presented by Vern and Trevor with the Fairtrade Hamper sponsored by the Luddenden Conservation Society. Congratulations Catherine. Check the website for coloured photos of the wreath.

#### CHRISTMAS WALK

The Christmas Treasure Hunt walk was won this year by the Collinge family team from East Yorkshire. Many thanks to all the people who came along. Despite the ideal weather, the turnout was relatively low due to the large number of people suffering from one of the Christmas bugs at that time. A profit of around £140 was made by the Society.

#### VISIT TO LUDDENDEN OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

The visit to Luddenden of Father Christmas on December 13th was also very successful, with over 70 youngsters seeing him. As usual, the Conservation Society served Debbie's punch, soft drinks and mince pies; thanks to all those people who helped with this. We would also like to thank Father Christmas for making the time to call in on Luddenden, Norman his chauffeur, the young Midgley School scholars who sang Christmas carols in the Church for us and the staff who came with them—it was much appreciated.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two applications submitted to Calderdale since the last newsletter. The first was to erect 12 solar PV panels to the roof at Oats Royd Barn, which is a listed building, and this was refused. The second, which is current, is to build a 2 storey side extension to The Coach House, 3 Thorn Bank, New Road. The reference number is 14/01503/HSE and any comments can be made to the planning department at Calderdale by 13th February.

#### NEXT MEETING, WITH OUTSIDE SPEAKER MR. M CRAWFORD

We have mentioned in previous newsletters that the Society is carrying out a project on Luddenden and Midgley's First World War heroes, who are listed on the war memorial. As part of this project, there will be a talk at the next meeting by Mr. Mike Crawford of Hebden Bridge (a native of Luddenden and ex-Head of History at Calder High School) entitled 'Views on the eve of the first world war in Calderdale and Germany'. This talk has gained excellent reviews when given in other places locally, (see this week's Hebden Bridge Times for example), and is highly recommended for anyone interested in the war, and attitudes at the time to it **locally**. It will be in **St. Mary's Church on Thursday 29th January, at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME.**



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